

Establishment of Interim Final Supplementary Rules for Public Lands Managed by the California Desert District

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert District (CDD) Office and the Five Field Offices within the CDD, are issuing interim final supplementary rules for public lands administered by the BLM. The BLM has determined these interim final supplementary rules are necessary to enhance the safety of visitors, protect public health, protect natural resources, and improve recreation experiences and opportunities.

Q. Why is BLM creating new rules?

A. These new rules are being created at the suggestion of the Desert Advisory Council to address safety, public behavior, and resource damaging behavior.

Q. When will these rules go into effect?

A. They are now in full force and effect.

Please help us out!

The BLM invites public comment on issues, concerns, potential impacts, alternatives and mitigation measures associated with these rules. Submitted comments will be considered during a 30 day comment period that will end July 26, 2010. Publication of the final supplementary rules will occur at a later date. Please send comments to:

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The following rules apply on public lands administered by the BLM California Desert District unless explicitly authorized by a permit or other authorization document issued by the BLM:

1. Public nudity is prohibited at all developed sites and areas and all ORV open areas. Nudity in a place where a person may be observed by another person is prohibited. This rule is in effect for all Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) open areas and also developed sites and areas managed by the El Centro, Barstow, Palm Springs-South Coast, Ridgecrest, and Needles Field Offices.

2. It is prohibited for a person to ride in or transport another person in or on a portion of an ORV or trailer that is not designed or intended for the transport of passengers. This rule is in effect for all land managed by the El Centro, Barstow, Palm Springs-South Coast, Ridgecrest, and Needles Field Offices.

3. It is prohibited to use as firewood, or have in their possession, any firewood materials containing nails, screws, or other metal hardware, including, but not limited to, wood pallets and/or construction debris. This rule is in effect for all land managed by the El Centro, Barstow, Palm Springs-South Coast, Ridgecrest, and Needles Field Offices.

4. Possession of glass beverage containers is prohibited in all developed sites and areas and all ORV open areas. This rule is in effect for all Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) open areas and also developed

sites and areas managed by the El Centro, Barstow, Palm Springs-South Coast, Ridgecrest, and Needles Field Offices.

5. It is prohibited to place into the ground any non-flexible object such as, but not limited to, metal or wood stakes, poles, or pipes, with the exception of small tents or awning stakes, at all developed sites and areas and all ORV open areas. This rule is in effect for all Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) open areas and also developed sites and areas managed by the El Centro, Barstow, Palm Springs-South Coast, Ridgecrest, and Needles Field Offices.

6. It is prohibited to camp within the areas commonly known as Competition Hill Corridor and Competition Hill located within the Dumont Dunes ORV Area, as shown in the map at the entrance kiosk.

7. It is prohibited to reserve or save a camping space for another person at all developed sites and areas and all ORV open areas. This rule is in effect for all Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) open areas and also developed sites and areas managed by the El Centro, Barstow, Palm Springs-South Coast, Ridgecrest, and Needles Field Offices.

8. All persons must keep their sites free of trash and litter during the period of occupancy. This rule is in effect for all land managed by the El Centro, Barstow, Palm Springs-South Coast, Ridgecrest, and Needles Field Offices.

These supplementary rules are now in effect.

Definitions:

BLM California means public land managed by the BLM totaling over 11 million acres, primarily in the southern and eastern portions of California. This includes all of the land managed by the BLM Field Offices: Ridgecrest, Barstow, Palm Springs-South Coast, Needles and El Centro. A map of this land is available at the CDD office.

Camp means day or overnight use of a tent, trailer, motor coach, fifth wheel, camper, or similar vehicle or structure.

Developed sites and areas means sites and areas that contain structures or capital improvements primarily used by the public for recreation purposes. Such sites and areas may include such features as delineated spaces for parking, camping or boat launching; sanitary facilities; potable water; grills or fire rings; tables; or controlled access. This definition is consistent with 43 CFR 8360.

Off Road Vehicle (ORV) means ORV as defined by 43 CFR 8340.0-5.

Public nudity means nudity in a place where a person may be observed by another person,

Nudity means nudity as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations § 4322.

Special Recreation Permit means a permit issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8372.1.